

Appl. No. 10 731 757
Amdt. dated June 5, 2006
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The errors noted by the Examiner in the Advisory action mailed May 23, 2006 will be corrected upon entry of this Amendment. It appears that the new claims were misnumbered in the Amendment filed November 25, 2006. Claims 24, 25, and 26 should have been numbered 22, 23, and 24 respectively. To correct the error, claims 24 - 26 are amended to recite the proper sequential numbering of the claims.

Entry of the present amendment is requested to place the application in condition for allowance. Claims 1-3, 6, and 7 have been canceled to expedite prosecution of the remaining claims which were not rejected over prior art. Applicants maintain their position set forth in the prior amendments and request for reconsideration regarding the rejections of the claims. The above claims are canceled without prejudice to the filing of a continuing application directed to the subject matter of the canceled claims.

Claim 19 has been placed in independent form. The dependencies of claims 8 and 18 have been corrected. The R groups in Formula V of claims 19 and previous claim 24 (corrected to be claim 22) have been amended to R' to correspond to the designation in the remainder of the claims. Commonly owned Serial No. 10/480,180 is under non-final rejection and commonly owned Serial No. 10/480,056 is under final rejection. Since neither application has been allowed, Applicants submit that the obviousness-type rejections should be withdrawn.

Applicants submit that the claims presented herein meet the requirements for patentability. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter this Amendment, reconsider his rejections of the claims and allow claims 8-13 and 16-24 as presented in this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted

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